## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

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PROSTHETIC INTERVERTEBRAL

JOINT FOR THE CERVICAL SPINE (as

amended)

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## **AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Action dated August 14, 2009, please amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.